

**Constitution**

AND

**..By=Laws..**

OF THE

**Retail Hardware, Implement**

AND

**Vehicle Dealers Association,**

OF THE

**INDIAN TERRITORY.**

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## CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Retail Hardware, Implement and Vehicle Association of the Indian Territory, adopted at South McAlester, I. T., July 12, 1900, are as follows:

### ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be "THE RETAIL HARDWARE, IMPLEMENT AND VEHICLE DEALERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY."

Sec. 2 The object of this Association shall be to promote the interest and secure the friendly co-operation of retail hardware, implements and vehicle dealers.

### ARTICLE II.

Section 1 Qualifications for Membership.—Any person, or firm which is engaged in the retail hardware, implement and vehicle business in the Indian Territory, in good standing and carrying a full and complete stock of hardware, implements and vehicles, may become a member of this association by paying \$3 00 membership fee and annual dues prescribed by the by-laws, upon application to the secretary and upon recommendation of a majority of the

executive committee, may become a member of this Association.

Sec. 2. Any person traveling for or representing a hardware jobber or manufacturer, traveling or residing within this Territory, shall be eligible to associate membership in the Association upon the payment of a membership fee of \$5.00, which shall include the first year's dues, and dues thereafter shall be \$3 00 per annum, in advance. Said associate members shall be entitled to a seat in the convention, and discussion therein, but shall not be entitled to a vote.

### ARTICLE III.

Officers—The officers of this Association shall consist of a president, first and second vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot, each firm to have one vote. All officers shall hold until their successors shall be elected and installed.

### ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. Duty of Officers—It shall be the duty of the President, or, in case of his inability to serve, of the Vice-President, to exercise supervisory control over the affairs of the Association, and shall have the appointing of all committees, and in case of a vacancy in any of the offices he shall fill said offices by appointment until the next annual meeting, and to carry out and enforce all measures adopted by the Association

calculated to improve the condition of the retail hardware, implement and vehicle business.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep a correct record of all proceedings of meetings, and papers belonging to the Association, to receive all funds due the Association, and keep an account of same, and an account with the members of the Association, and turn all funds of the Association over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; to draw all drafts on the treasurer for accounts and bills, on approval of the President and Executive Committee, and to make annual reports of all matters pertaining to his office to the Executive Committee when so requested by them

Sec. 3. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive all funds belonging to the Association from the Secretary, and receipt him for the same; to pay all drafts drawn on him by the secretary and indorsed by the president, to keep an accurate account and make annual statement to the Association or to the executive committee when requested to by them.

Sec 4. The powers of the executive committee are to cover all matters of interest to the Association, and they are authorized to employ counsel when deemed necessary to further the interest of the Association, at all times, either in the courts, before the railway companies or the interstate commerce com-

mission; and may appoint special committees when necessary for the specific duties to be performed. The executive committee shall audit all accounts and bills of the Association for payment, and the secretary shall draw on the treasurer in payment of same when they shall have been approved by the committee. All traveling or other expenses of this committee shall be paid from the funds of the Association.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to receive and investigate all complaints; provided such complaints are made in writing and signed by the party or parties, and that the said complaints be accompanied by affidavits or other evidence to form a proper basis of complaints or source of investigation. They shall endeavor to adjust amicably all such grievances or complaints, and, if successful, shall bring the matter before the Executive Committee for action. All traveling or other expenses that are legitimate of this committee shall be paid from the funds of the Association.

## ARTICLE V.

Meetings—The regular meeting of this Association shall be held annually on the second Monday in April, or as often as may be designated by the Association at such place as determined in the convention. The Executive committee is subject to the call of the president.

## ARTICLE VI.

Amendments—Amendments to the Constitution may be made at the regular meetings, by the vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided a copy of such proposed amendment shall be filed with the president of the Association at least thirty days prior to the next regular meeting.

## ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of seven members; the president, secretary and five members of the Association, who shall be appointed by the president; the president and secretary are ex-officio members.

Sec. 2 The Investigating Committee shall consist of three members of the Association, appointed by the president.

## BY-LAWS.

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Section 1. The admission fee to membership shall be \$3.00 in advance, which fee shall cover all dues for the first year. Each firm shall pay for current expenses thereafter \$3.00 annually; payable at regular meeting.

Sec. 2. Fifteen members at any meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4. Each firm shall have one vote.

Sec. 5. All fees and dues must be paid before a person can be recognized as a member, or become entitled to act in this Association.

Sec. 6. All persons or firms holding membership shall be represented at any regular or call meeting in person and not by proxy.

### **Order of Business.**

At the annual meeting of the Association the order of business shall be:

1. Roll call,
2. Reading of minutes of last regular and call meetings.
3. The report of the executive committee.
4. Report of secretary.
5. Report of treasurer.
6. Report of special committees.
7. General business.
8. New business.
9. The address of the president.
10. Reading of papers and discussion thereof.
11. Election of officers for the ensuing year.
12. Unfinished business.
13. Adjournment.

At all other meetings of the Association the order of business shall be same except Nos. 4, 5 and 11.